

**Workshop 3.2, Fairbanks NPS, 10/13/04, 1:30-5:30 pm**  
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- 3.2.1. How do we balance local user rights and concerns with the NPS mission mandate, especially in ANILCA parks? (1 vote)
- 3.2.2. Visitor experience on the Denali Road corridor needs to be studied (example, pressure to expand # of visitors on park road). (3 votes) (Includes #30)
- 3.2.3. What opportunities or experiences and services do Alaskans want or expect when they visit or consider visiting Alaskan parks? (0 votes)
- 3.2.4. How does industrial development in/near national parks affect natural and therefore social systems and visitor use and customary and traditional uses of park lands (oil/gas, roads, mines, large-scale tourism)? (4 votes)
- 3.2.5. Identify trends in subsistence use on a time line as affected by economics as a driver of resource development and resultant social and psychological impacts on subsistence users (now and in the future). (0 votes)
- 3.2.6. Clear vision of user patterns (what goes on in parks?) (1 vote)
- 3.2.7. What are the local community perceptions of the value of national parks and what can NPS do to increase their perceptions of value? (2 votes)
- 3.2.8. Local resident recognition of social/physical/economic impacts of National Park System lands in Alaska. What opportunities could NPS make available and how? (Combined with #7)
- 3.2.9. Are there enough commonalities among Alaska parks and the visitor experience they provide to make research conclusions regionally applicable? (3 votes)
- 3.2.10. How can we better integrate natural, cultural, and interpretive research efforts from conception to completion? (5 votes) (Includes #14, #49)
- 3.2.11. What are the natural sound experience perceptions and expectations of front and backcountry visitors? (2 votes)
- 3.2.12. How effective is NPS public information strategy in building support for Alaska parks? (1 vote)
- 3.2.13. How do national parks in Alaska contribute to or detract from local economies? (1 vote)

- 3.2.14. Define a strategy for the testing, integration, and acceptance of traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) into other disciplines and the decision-making process for NPS management. (Combined with #10)
- 3.2.15. What is the value of Alaska parks to the non-visiting public? (1 vote)
- 3.2.16. Aside from Denali, who has the most influence on where park visitors go, (advertising, operators, etc.), and should NPS play more active role? (1 vote)
- 3.2.17. Is there a better or new paradigm for management of living culture parks that could be applied to selected ANILCA National Park System units? (Combined with #36)
- 3.2.18. Can social science identify a user group that is sensitive enough to be used as an indicator of changing social and natural conditions? (1 vote)
- 3.2.19. How can the NPS better communicate with stakeholders to help set, rather than respond to, a research agenda? (0 votes)
- 3.2.20. What are backcountry visitor expectations for wilderness experiences in Alaska parks? (2 votes)
- 3.2.21. What is different in desires and expectations between tour passengers and independent travelers? (1 vote)
- 3.2.22. What factors drive change in patterns of human use on parklands (tourism, climate change, etc.)? (1 vote)
- 3.2.23. Identify allocation strategy between subsistence vs. sport vs. dependent and independent visitors based on local, national, and international needs. (1 vote)
- 3.2.24. How do overflights affect park experiences? (2 votes)
- 3.2.25. Does the NPS Alaska Region have structure to implement social science research in its management decisions? (0 votes)
- 3.2.26. Traditional and contemporary resource use methods and patterns need to be fully documented for subsistence use decisions. (1 vote)
- 3.2.27. Does the visiting public desire and/or support large-scale tourism in Alaskan parks? (0 votes)
- 3.2.28. How does the NPS staff affect visitor/user experiences in Alaskan parks? (0 votes) (Could be combined with #40)

- 3.2.29. Quantify the social factors involved in determining the “road character” of the Denali Park Road. (1 vote)
- 3.2.30. How many buses can we afford to put on the Denali Park Road per hour, per day, and per season without significantly increasing visitors’ perceptions of crowding, i.e., without detracting from a high-quality experience? (Combined with #2.)
- 3.2.31. How can the NPS better identify necessary and appropriate commercial services for visitors? (0 votes)
- 3.2.32. Define human impact assessment in a way acceptable to the agency and to users (i.e., the subsistence camp to sport hunting camp to visitor camp). (0 votes)
- 3.2.33. What is important in attracting and retaining staffs to individual parks? (4 votes) (Includes #35, #44)
- 3.2.34. What NPS areas are most susceptible to overcrowding and conflicting uses? (0 votes)
- 3.2.35. How should we do better at stationing staff in remote locations (dealing with social, cultural, and economic consequences of this for communities, parks, and employees)? (Combined with #33)
- 3.2.36. Do Alaskan parks occupy an exceptional role in the National Park System and should they be managed differently? Does the public perceive and accept these differences in management? (8 votes) (Includes #17, #38, #41)
- 3.2.37. In a climate of concern over intellectual and cultural property rights, how do we conduct publicly funded and available research in a way that protects project participants? (0 votes)
- 3.2.38. Regarding the treatment of indigenous cultures, should Alaskan parks be the model rather than the exception for national parks? (Combined with #36)
- 3.2.39. Define a plan to implement and provide a plan to implement (sic) for fulfillment of changed employee value systems—Do we provide essential competencies for Alaska employee recruitment? (0 votes)
- 3.2.40. How do interactions with park staff affect visitor experiences? (1 vote) (Could be combined with #28)
- 3.2.41. Should there be an Alaskan definition of wilderness, such as ANILCA parks or Alaskan Wilderness Parks? (Combined with #36)
- 3.2.42. High-priority oral histories need to be identified and obtained before elders pass away. (0 votes)

- 3.2.43. How can we resolve increasing conflicts between rural subsistence users and outside users over consumptive resource use? (0 votes)
- 3.2.44. How do we better recruit and retain local expertise, especially cultural specialists? (Combined with #33)
- 3.2.45. How do we effectively communicate the complexity of parkland management in Alaska? (0 votes)
- 3.2.46. Define remoteness in reference to the wilderness experience. (2 votes)
- 3.2.47. How do local residents view land management agency regulatory systems, i.e., too strict, not too strict? (0 votes)
- 3.2.48. Sport hunters are not a traditional NPS user group. What is their economic impact, what experiences do they value, and can the activity be better managed (specifically transporter issues)? (1 vote)
- 3.2.49. We need research on a test for the credibility of traditional ecological knowledge. (Combined with #10)
- 3.2.50. What sorts of management tools are acceptable or desirable in managing wilderness areas experiencing heavy or conflicting use (e.g., hardened campsites, visitor numbers)? (2 votes)
- 3.2.51. We need a documented cost of doing business in Alaskan parks (operations and maintenance, research, etc.). [NPS travel restrictions affect Alaska disproportionately] Alaska is different. (0 votes)

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**Who should do the research?**  
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For funding--Wilderness Society  
Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute  
CESU  
CRU  
Internal

3.2.10

native corporations  
native organizations  
CESU, CRU-USGS  
National Science Foundation  
ANROE (AK Natural Resource Outdoor Education)  
Internal- I&M networks

3.2.4

ISER (Institute of Social and Economic Research, UA)  
AWRTA (AK Wildland Recreation Tourism Association)  
Gateways defining AK Tourism  
CESU  
UAF-Gary Kofanis; IGERT; Regional Resilience & Adaptation

3.2.33

NPS  
Exit interviews  
Office of Personnel Management  
HR (EAP)  
Look "outside" to other organizations (e.g., military)  
Local hire-Rural Dev Program @UAF  
Social workers; social psychologists  
Institutional Organization, Expert in organizational behavior

3.2.9

Statistical question  
Some available data; new data needed  
Literature review  
CESU

3.2.2

Park to collect data  
University/CESU  
Leopold Institute